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Examiner: Blair M. Johnson

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For: DOOR WITH VARIABLE LENGTH SCREEN

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Attached hereto is foreign patent reference ITB0940197 (IT 01268266).

For a concise explanation of the relevance of Italian reference ITB0940197 (IT 01268266), the following is submitted:

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The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/901,915 filed, June 29, 2004 and Control No. 90/007,223, as well as U.S. Patent Application No. 10/212,465, filed August 5, 2002, which is now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,618,998. The identification of these U.S. patent applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to these applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art and information cited therein during examination.

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/212,465, filed August 5, 2002, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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